UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE NASHVILLE DIVISION

ROBERT WAYNE MACK,)
Plaintiff,)
V.) CASE NO
FOX COLLECTION CENTER, INC., and EXPERIAN INFORMATION SOLUTIONS, INC.,)) JUDGE)
Defendants.)
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NOTICE OF REMOVAL OF CIVIL ACTION

Exhibit A
Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint To Add Experian

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IN THE SECOND CIRCUIT COURT OF DAVIDSON COUNTY
AT NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

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ROBERT WAYNE MACK,

Plaintiff,

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EXPERIAN INFORMATION
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Defendants.

FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT TO ADD EXPERIAN

Comes now the Plaintiff, Robert Wayne Mack, pursuant to Rule 15.01 of the Tn. R. Civ. P. and TCA 20-1-119 and would amend his complaint by adding Experian Information Solutions, Inc. for cause and brings this complaint against the Defendants, Fox Collection Center, Inc. and Experian Information Solutions, Inc. by stating:

- 1. Plaintiff, Robert Wayne Mack, is a citizen and resident of Nashville, Davidson County, Tennessee.
- Defendant, Fox Collection Center, Inc. (Fox) is a bill collection business which does business in Davidson County, Tennessee. The registered agent for service of process is Frank Fox, 456 Moss Trail, Goodlettsville, Tn. 37072. Defendant has averred that the proper Defendant is Professional Recovery Management, Inc., d/b/a Fox Collection Center.
- The added Defendant to this cause is Experian Information Solutions, Inc. (Experian). Experian's agent for service of process is CT Corporation System, 800 S. Gay Street, Suite 2021, Knoxville, Tn. 37929.
- 4. In 2010, Plaintiff entered into a contract to purchase his first home which is located in Nashville, Davidson County, Tennessee.
- 5. In order to purchase the home, Plaintiff applied for a mortgage loan based on the contract price of \$85,000.00.

- 6. During the application process, Plaintiff learned that because he was a first time home buyer and with his low to moderate income he could qualify for a \$5000.00 "Welcome Home" grant which could be used in the purchase of his home toward closing costs and down payment requirements. In order to qualify for the grant he could not have any delinquent debts that were outstanding.
- 7. Following his completing the Uniform Residential Loan Application, a credit history check was performed which displayed 3 old debts one of which was Fox Collection Center in the amount of \$744.00. In performing the credit history check, the loan processor would be required to input the full name of the individual and his social security number.
- 8. Defendant (Fox) is a debt collector and had reported this debt to Experian using Plaintiff's name and social security number in 2008. Defendant (Fox) listed the account # 1240860000744192 and showed the debt as a medical debt.
- 9. The credit report was ordered on Plaintiff by First Community Mortgage on or around 1/19/2010. The returned credit report was returned by all three credit bureaus and only Experian reported this particular debt of \$744.00 reported by Defendant (Fox) and referable to Plaintiff.
- 10. Upon learning of this information, it was to Plaintiff's knowledge that he had not incurred such a debt nor did he recall ever being placed on notice by Defendant (Fox) of such a debt that was owed by Plaintiff.
- 11. Plaintiff upon learning of this improperly and negligently reported debt made numerous attempts to contact Defendant (Fox) by letter and phone calls as well as Lara Sanders with First Community Mortgage making attempts to contact Defendant (Fox) to remove this reported debt however Defendant (Fox) and its agents refused to communicate with either Plaintiff or Sanders.
- 12. Plaintiff then in an attempt to save the \$5000.00 grant paid the debt on 1/26/2010 in the amount of \$511.00 which created a zero balance.
- 13. Plaintiff upon payment of the debt was provided a receipt from Defendant (Fox) which revealed to Plaintiff for the first time that the reported debt was

- on Robert Arnold Mack of 1813 5th Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee. This individual was not Plaintiff but Plaintiff's father.
- 14. The delay and refusal by Defendant (Fox) to address the issue of the improperly reported debt caused Plaintiff to lose the grant he was seeking as there was only a limited window of time to obtain the grant. As a result the Plaintiff was forced in order to obtain the mortgage loan to incur a second mortgage of \$3428.73 and the total debt the Plaintiff would have to repay on the home was increased as well.
- 15. Following the closing of the home purchase in May of 2010, Plaintiff made a series of attempts to get Defendant (Fox) to return the \$511.00 he paid in error and that Defendant (Fox) accepted but Defendant (Fox) refused to respond which caused Plaintiff to file suit in the General Sessions Court of Davidson County, No. 10GC20948 only to later take a voluntary non-suit on 12/17/10.
- 16. On or around 12/27/2010 in a letter from Frank Fox with a check of \$511.00 to Plaintiff, he wrote in part "The Credit Bureau put this collection on your record in error as we have no file with your name and address on it." This statement was an intentional and malicious misrepresentation as to how a collection agency such as this Defendant (Fox) reports to a credit bureau.
- 17. Plaintiff would show as a proximate cause of the negligent and intentional and malicious acts by Defendant (Fox) in reporting a false debt, failing to validate the debt caused the Plaintiff to lose the grant and incur other debt in obtaining his home loan that he would not otherwise have incurred.
- 18. Plaintiff would show that Defendant (Fox) was negligent, reckless and malicious in reporting this false information to the Experian Credit Bureau when the Defendant (Fox) knew or should have known the information reported on Plaintiff was incorrect and not validated.
- 19. Plaintiff would show that Defendant (Fox) is liable to Plaintiff for violations of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 USC 1692, et seq. as well as common law negligence, intentional, reckless and malicious acts of Defendant.

20. Defendant, Fox, has alleged in their answer to the original complaint at paragraph 11 and 20 of Defendant (Fox) answer that Experian "incorrectly linked the debt to the plaintiff." and that modified comparative fault applies and therefore is an indispensible party.

WHEREFORE PREMISES CONSIDERED, PLAINTIFF PRAYS:

- 1. That the complaint be filed with summons issued and served upon the Defendants including now Experian to answer within the time allowed by law.
- That Plaintiff be awarded a judgment against the Defendants for actual damages, penalties and his attorney fees incurred as well as punitive damages in an amount sufficient to punish the Defendants and deter Defendants for such acts again or \$60,000.00.
- 3. For other relief including but not limited to costs, discretionary costs and other relief as the Court may deem appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERITIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a true copy of the foregoing Amended Complaint has been forwarded by U.S Mail, postage prepaid, this the 5^{th} day of April, 2011 to:

Robert W. Briley, Esq. Shuttleworth Williams, PLLC 230 4th Avenue North, Suite 500 Nashville, Tn. 37219 Attorney for Fox Collection Center, Inc.

Christopher Kim Thompson